assets in order to end the principle of riparian states and thereby end inter-state river water disputes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Installation of statue of Mahatma Gandhi**

2349. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 251 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for delay in the installation of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the vicinity of India Gate; and

(b) whether Government have approved of the model of the statue, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The final decision on the installation of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the vicinity of India Gate was taken on 3.9.1982. The work on fabrication of the statue upto plaster cast was awarded in July 1984. The Plaster cast of the statue was to be prepared within 18 months. In exceptional circumstances; the period could be extended. There was some delay on the part of the sculptor due to an injury in his leg on account of his slipping from 15 ft. scaffolding, badly hurting his knee. The clay model has since, been approved and the work on plaster cast is in progress.

The statue shall be in Bronze of 4-1|4 times of life size. The total height shall be 16 ft. including the chowki. The height shall be taken from bottom of the base (chowki) to top of the head touching the protruding contours of the body from the back.

**Kailash Cooperative Group Housing Society**

2350. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 209 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a member of a Cooperative Group Housing Society who owns or acquires a residential house or plot of land for construction of a residential house in any of the approved or unapproved colonies in Delhi in his own name or in the name of his spouse or any of his dependent children on lease or free hold basis cannot transfer his share;

(b) if so, what are the details of the members of the Kailash Cooperative Housing Society who have been allowed to transfer their shares on acquiring D.D.A. house or land especially in respect of Sr. Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8, 15; 16; 22; 34; 35; 37; 38 and 41 referred to in Annexure-I to the above question;

(c) the details of members of this Society who transferred their shares to minors together with the reasons for allowing transfer to such minors in cases where the members are still alive especially in respect of Sr. Nos. 7, 8, 10, and 12 referred to in Annexure-I;

(d) whether Government propose to appoint an administrator to look after the affairs of the said Society; and

(e) the details of members of Society who are not residing in Delhi for the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The transfer of membership in respect of members at Sr. Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 22, 34, 35, 37, 38 & 41 were agreed to by the society. However, the Registrar of Cooperative Societies has approved only the names of the members

after obtaining requisite declaration. The remaining cases are under consideration.

(c) As per the information supplied by the society to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies at Sr. Nos. 7, 8, 10 and 12 were to adults.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(e) S|Shri Padam Nabh Sharma, Vijay Kumar Kohli and Rajiv Sharma are not residing in Delhi for the last two years and they are serving abroad.

**Fire in FCI godown in Pusa campus**

2351. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that foodgrains and other goods stored in the godown of Food Corporation of India in the Pusa campus New Delhi were destroyed due to fire in April, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and causes of fire; and

(c) what steps have been taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The fire is believed to have originated from the godowns of Indian Agriculture Research Institute. The technical/chemical stores of FCI valued at Rs.1.36 lakhs kept in an adjoining shed were destroyed. The fire did not spread to the foodgrain godowns.

(c) Appropriate fire safety measures are taken by the Corporation.

**Illegal collection of plant genetic resources by embassy officials**

2352. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the embassy officials of some countries had been making for some time systematic effort, me times **illegal to collect India's** precious plant genetic resources;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the embassy officials have free access to germplasms of both food and industrial crops;

(d) whether they are also free to visit agricultural research stations, institutions and universities and collect best available varieties of plant;

(e) the steps contemplated by Government to prevent unauthorised smuggling of germplasm; and

(f) whether some guidelines are also being contemplated in regard to the visit of embassy officials to the agricultural research institutions and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir, It is not a fact. The Plant Genetic resources required by Embassy officials of foreign countries is only routed through National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources as per Government|ICAR guidelines.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, the Embassy officials and foreign agricultural scientists can visit ICAR Institutes and State Agricultural Universities only after the approval of Government of India| ICAR. The germplasm is only shared a per agreed bilateral collaborative programmes.

(e) The germplasm of agri-horticultural crops is supplied to other countries on the basis of mutual benefit and reciprocacity and under the guidelines of exchange of germplasm. Therefore, there is no unauthorised smuggling of germplasm.

(f) The visit of the Embassy officials to Agricultural Research Institutions is as per the directives of the Government of India.